

1. **VV** Hereas it hath been often said at the Committee for the Earle of *Lindsey's* Fenns, that the Gentlemen of the Country were put out of the Commission of *Sewers* and strangers put in their places, it is thought necessary to publish this Paper, to satisfie all men the contrary.

2. In the Commission of *Sewers* for *Lincolnshire* whilst the Earle of *Lindseys* undertaking was in Agitation, there were 120 Commissioners, most of them prime Gentlemen of that Country, no strangers but the great Officers of State that never appeared there, and Sir *Robert Killigrew*, with Mr *Robert Long*, who did appeare there, Sir *William Killigrew* came in after his Fathers death, so there can be justly said to be but two strangers of 120 Commissioners.

3. It hath also been said at the Committee that the Fenns in question were not drowned, and therefore did not need to be drayned; 'tis therefore thought necessary to set downe their Names who did thinke otherwise: For 'tis not probable, that so many men of quality of that Countrey would have concurred to abuse their Countrey, and themselves, many of them being Lords, and Owners of the Fenns in question.

4. Here follows 78 names of such of the 120 Commissioners as did attend and act in the viewing and Taxing the Fenns in question, and making the Decrees of Contract, abutting, and bounding, and setting out the Earles proportions, and adjudging of the Earles worke performed, with the Decree for his possession of 14000. Acres.

Robert Earle of Lindsey.
Theophilus Earle of Lincoln.
Mountague Lord Willoughby.
Sr Henry Fines.
Sr Robert Killigrew.
Sr William Armine.
Sr Edward Heron.
Sr John Mounson.
Sr John Brooke.
Sr Hamon Whichcott.
Sr Christopher Wray.
Sr Ralph Madison.
Sr William Quadring.
Sr Jervace Scroope.
Sr Robert Carre.
Sr Jervace Nevill.
Sr Walter Norton.
Sr Francis Bodingham.
Sr William Thorold.
Sr Daniel Deline.
Sr Anthony Pell.
Sr John Browne.
Sr William Pelham.
Sr William Killigrew.

Robert Callis Serjeant at Law.
John Farmery Doctor of the Ci-
vill Law.
William Langton.
Robert Long.
Edward Skipwith.
John Brownloe.
John Burrel.
Robert Cawdron.
Robert Tredway.
John Bassett.
Robert Martial Major of Lin-
colne.
Richard Westland Maior of Bo-
ston.
John Hobson.
Robert Boswell.
Thomas Hauton.
George Thorrold.
Joshua Whichcot.
Richard Barefoot.
George Smith.
William Lockton.
Richard King.
Thomas Lister.
John Jesop.
Thomas Askam.
Robert Beck.
Anthony Walcot.

Charles Empson.
Robert Wolmore.
Peregrine Bertue.
Robert Markham.
Richard Toothby.
Edward Hall.
Thomas Harington.
Robert Thorold.
John Cholmley.
Robert Woolby.
Henry Hall.
William Watson Maior of Lin-
colne.
Edward Stainton.
John Bradley.
Thomas Trolop.
Robert Morecraft.
Stephen Walpoole.
Isaac Johnson.
Robert Cresswell.
Francis Thorne dicke.
Edward Heron.
Elmond Hall.
Nicholas Smith.
George Bradley.
George Smith.
William Thomson.
Thomas Walby.
John Whitehead.

The number of these Commis-
sioners that did act in settling the
Earle of *Lindsey's* undertaking
are 78.

The rest of the 120. Com-
missioners by not opposing what
these men did, may be said to
comply with them.

These Names are taken out of the severall Decrees that lie in the Committee for the Fenns, and amongst these Names we find Mr *Thomas Lister* two severall times named in the two maine Decrees, on which the Drayning depends.

First, Mr *Thomas Lister* was one of the Commissioners that viewed the Fenns between *Kyme* and *Lincolne*, who did certifie that the said Fenns, named in particular, were hurtfully surrounded with waters, and would receive much benefit by drayning, and thereon the Commissioners laid the Taxe of 13 s. 4 d. an Acre on the said Fens.

Secondly, Mr *Thomas Lister* was one of the 32 Commissioners that Decreed the 24000. Acres to the Earle of *Lindsey* as an indifferent Recompence, as well for drayning that part of the Levell between *Borne* and *Kyme*, which Sir *William Armin*, with others viewed, as that other part, which Mr *Lister* himselfe, with other Commissioners, had formerly viewed betweene *Kyme*, and to and above *Lincolne*, in which Decree it is expressed that no one man dissented, and wherein also the said Commissioners did covenant to become tutors to the next Parliament to ratifie the said Decree by an Act.

Sir *William Armin* also was one of the Commissioners that did order both the views of both Levells and was himselfe one of them that did view the Fenns betweene *Borne* and *Kyme*, in particular, and did certifie them hurtfully surrounded with waters, whereon the Commissioners did lay the Taxe of 13 s. 4 d. the Acre on that part of the Levell.

It is now submitted to judgement, whether these Fenns, now in question, did need to be drayned; or if it be probable that two strangers in Commission could over-rule 78 Commissioners of the Country: especially when the very same workes now made by the Earle of *Lindsey* were Decreed by the Commissioners of the Country in Queen *Elizabeths* daies to be made in the very same places they now are, though in a less proportion than they now are; and were after by seven or eight other Commissions, both in her own, and in K. *James* his time, Ratified & further Decreed as necessary to be done where they now are, which argues the drayning of the Fenns between *Borne* and *Kyme*, was no new project, but thought necessary to be drayned in all times; This will be avowed to be a true Extract from the severall Decrees of *Sewers* by

William Killigrew.